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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT A PERMANENT INTERNET ACCESS TAX MORATORIUM.

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1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited
4 government, federalism and individual liberty are vital to capitalism and
5 democracy; and

6 Whereas, broadband Internet access for all Americans is an important
7 public policy objective; and

8 Whereas, taxing Internet access will have a chilling effect on
9 broadband investment into rural and low-density areas where fewer consumers
10 will buy a higher-priced product; and

11 Whereas, less deployment in rural and low-density areas means fewer
12 people can telework, which would reduce personal quality of life and the
13 public good effects, such as reducing commuting traffic and pollution; and

14 Whereas, taxing Internet access widens the digital divide and limits
15 the economic and educational opportunities available to lower-income
16 Americans, as only 11 percent of households with incomes below \$30,000 have
17 broadband service compared to 61 percent of households with incomes above
18 \$100,000; and

19 Whereas, taxing Internet access raises costs for distance learning,
20 interactive medicine and new online business models; and

21 Whereas, hidden taxes on backbone Internet transport increase costs to
22 consumers and have the same impact as direct taxes on Internet access; and

23 Whereas, the current federal moratorium on Internet access taxes
24 expired on November 1, 2007; and

25 Whereas, extending or making permanent the current moratorium on
26 Internet access taxes would have substantial positive downstream effects for
27 Internet infrastructure and services throughout the country.

28 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
29 Representatives concurring, prays:

30 1. That the United States Congress act quickly to enact new
31 legislation to ban Internet access taxes.

32 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
33 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
34 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
35 the State of Arizona.